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: Article Superior in Making Waterdrops Slip Down Surface

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004 in the aboveidentified patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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